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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Columbus Day Safety Message

1. The Columbus Day holiday is one that all Americans can view as a day of recognition. On this day, we commemorate the man who discovered our great land, Christopher Columbus. As we reflect on Columbus' journey and our great nation as we know it today, many of us will travel to be with family and friends during the long weekend.
2. Prior to gathering with family and friends, please remember safety. The biggest risk for the long weekend is POV accidents. Fort Leonard Wood has already lost one Soldier this year due to a tragic vehicle accident. Remember to drive defensively, watch for hazards, and by no means get behind the wheel while impaired. Allow yourself plenty of time to arrive to your destination and return home safely.
3. Hunting season has begun and I ask that hunters be very visible and careful with their weapon of choice. Most hunting accidents are a result of unsecured weapons, tree stand incidents, and cold weather. If you are a hunter, tell a friend or family member where you will be or show them the location of your tree stand. Dress for the weather and never fire your weapon unless you have identified the target with 100% certainty.
4. To help us prepare for this holiday I ask leaders to speak to their Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsman and Civilian employees one-on-one. Squad leaders or first line supervisors should talk to their personnel about their weekend plans and help them identify potential risks and control measures to prevent potential accidents.
5. All Soldiers must complete the automated risk management program at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center web site (<https://crc.army.mil>) before going on pass or leave. The information gained from this evaluation can save your life.
6. I look forward to seeing each of you return safely after the holiday!

RANDAL R. CASTRO
Major General, USA
Commanding

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